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ORDER OF 20 DECEMBER ESTABLISHING SPECIALIZED

EXTENSION COURSES FOR WORKERS

A system of specialized extension courses is hereby established to improve training opportunities for the working population and to provide intensified training of master artisans, technicians, engineers, and agronomists for the principal branches of the national economy.

The specialized extension courses will provide an opportunity for further specialization to practically experienced specialized workers and professionals. This is in line with the objective of the Five-Year Plan which provides for the training of 165,000 qualified skilled workers as master artisans, technicians, engineers, and agronomists to insure the successful fulfillment of production objectives. Therefore the following is ordered:

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- (1) A system of specialized extension training is established for the training of master artisans, technicians, engineers, and agronomists, initially in the principal specialized fields of industry, construction, post and telegraph, and agriculture.
- (2) Trade ministries and state secretariats having their own areas of jurisdiction are responsible for the establishment and administration of specialized extension courses in their corresponding specialized fields.

(3) Specialized extension courses are established in the following schools:

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School

Coal mining (black coal)

Zwickau School for Mining Engin-

eering

Coal mining (brown coal)

Senftenberg School of Mining

Engineering

Steel mill engineering

Plant Trade School of the VEB

Steel Mill, Riesa

Heavy machine and machine

Magdeburg Engineering School

tool building

Power tool building

Meissen Engineering School

Ship building

Wismar Engineering School

Production of electricity

Zittau Fower Trade School

Telegraph engineering

"Fritz Selbmann" Engineering

School, Mittweida

Postal management

Post and Telegraph School, Leipzig

Telegraph installation

Post and Telegraph School, Leipzig

Telegraph management

Post and Telegraph School, Leipzig

Steel construction

Construction Engineering School,

Leipzig

Concrete construction

Construction Engineering School,

Leipzig

Statics of construction

Construction Engineering School,

Neustrelitz

Surface construction

Construction Engineering School,

Neustrelitz

Agriculture

School of Agriculture, Weimar

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- (1) The specialized extension courses are divided into elementary, intermediate, and advanced levels, in accordance with the organization of the trade schools.
- (2) The period of training for each level is double that of the day courses at the trade schools. The specialized extension courses may be completed sooner if the objectives of the curriculum are reached ahead of schedule.
- (3) Curricula for the specialized extension courses are to be planned in such a way that students will reach a certain definite level of technical proficiency upon completion of each step in their training, so that they can commence professional activity, at varying levels, upon completion of any one step.
- (4) Successful completion of the specialized extension course in the upper level entitles the student to study at a school of higher learning in his chosen field.

- (1) Conditions for admission to specialized extension courses are the same as for admission to the day courses in the trade schools. These conditions are complemented as follows:
- (a) A prerequisite for admission to specialized extension training (elementary level) is the final apprenticeship examination or equivalent sufficient practical experience and a minimum of two years' experience as a skilled worker.
- (b) A prerequisite for admission to specialized extension training (intermediate level) is the successful completion of specialized extension training (on the intermediate level) or the successful completion of a trade school (lower level) or proof of qualification based on completion of elementary trade school level (master) by means of a special entrance examination.
- (c) A prerequisite for admission to specialized extension training (advanced level) is the successful completion of specialized extension training (intermediate level) or the successful completion of trade school (intermediate level) or proof of qualification based on completion of intermediate trade school level (technician) by means of a special entrance examination.
- (2) Honor students in specialized extension training may transfer to day school training in a trade school. The consent is given by the trade school which conducts the specialized extension training.

(3) As a rule, admission to specialized extension training is during the month of January.

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Examination rules for trade schools of 10 February 1951 (GBL. S. 96) are also applicable for specialized extension courses.

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- (1) Trade ministries and state secretariats with their own areas of jurisdiction will establish a section for specialized extension training in each professional field at all the trade schools listed in Paragraph 1, subparagraph 2.
- (?) The sections for specialized extension training will have the following specific tasks:
- (a) Preparation of instructional material for the specialized extension courses, in collaboration with the trade schools in the appropriate professional fields.
- (b) Guidance to instructors who will have to conduct consultations, seminars, and examinations for extension course students in classes to be organized in centrally located trade schools.
- (c) Supervision and control of the courses of study, evaluation and correction of written work of the extension students.
 - (d) Admission of extension students.
- (3) Extension students are considered students of the trade schools at which they take their extension courses.

- (4) Guidance of graduates in their future professional activity is the responsibility of the competent trade ministries and state secretariats with their own areas of jurisdiction.
- (5) Pedagogical, methodological, and editorial preparation of the instructional material for specialized extension training in all subjects is to be carried out by the "Dresden Technical Academy." A special section shall be established in this trade school which will prepare simultaneously instructional material in the social sciences and general subjects. This central section will be guided by the state secretariat for higher education.
- (6) Leaders of the specialized extension training sections in the individual subjects will be called together periodically by the central section for specialized extension training (subparagraph 5) for the purpose of guidance and qualification in methodological and editorial questions.
- (7) Instruction plans and training outlines for specialized extension training must be approved by the state secretariat for higher education.

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(1) Extension students are entitled up to 4 working days per month for study at home and for attendance of consultations and, in addition, to six working days per year for participation in courses and for examinations within the framework of specialized extension training. These days will not be charged to regular leave.

(2) The following orders are applicable: Order of 19 November 1948 on Release for Purposes of Schooling and Training (ZVOB1. S. 544), the corresponding general instructions of 22 April 1949 (ZVOB1. I. S. 328) and the order of 15 July 1950 ammending the general instructions (GB1 S. 686).

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The funds necessary for the establishment of specialized extension courses are to be set aside in the budgets of the appropriate trade ministry or state secretariat having its own area of jurisdiction and the state secretariat for higher education.

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The State Secretariat for Higher Education is responsible for the coordination of all questions pertaining to specialized extension training.

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Specialized extension training in the listed fields will be started by the trade ministries and state secretariats having their own areas of jurisdiction on 1 January 1952.

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Regulations for the execution of this order will be published by the trade ministries and state secretariats having their own areas of jurisdiction, in agreement with the State Secretariat for Higher Education. 11.

This order is effective as of its date of publication.

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